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- 1. More than 17 months have passed since the filing of this application on May 2, 2007. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.
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